

REMARKS

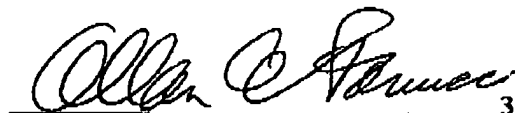
Claims 1 and 3-15, as amended, appear in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 2 and 15 were previously objected to for containing allowable subject matter but being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 2 while claim 15 has been written in independent form. Thus, claims 1 and 3-15 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application for any subject matter that has been cancelled from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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